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In re Application of
MACALLISTER, et al.
Application No. 10/050,883
Filed: November 9, 2001
Attorney Docket No. Mac11081

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the papers styled, "Petition To Contend Omitted Items Were In Fact Deposited In The US Patent And Trademark Office," filed on June 4, 2002 (Certificate of Mailing Date: May 14, 2002), which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.53, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of November 9, 2001, including Figures 7 - 10 as described in the specification.

The application was filed on November 9, 2001. On March 15, 2002, the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) mailed a "Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application," that stated the application had been accorded a filing date, but Figures 7 - 10 as described in the specification appear to have been omitted.

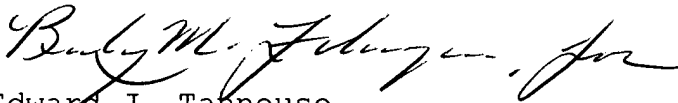
In response, on June 4, 2002, the instant petition and a copy of Figures 7 - 10 as described in the specification were submitted. The papers were accompanied by a copy of applicant's postcard receipt that acknowledges receipt of four (4) sheets of drawings on November 9, 2001. The four (4) sheets of drawings contain Figures 1 - 10, with the fourth sheet of drawings containing Figures 7 - 10. A review of the application file indicates the presence of only three (3) sheets of drawings with the fourth sheet containing Figures 7 - 10 missing. It is assumed that the fourth sheet of drawings containing Figures 7 - 10 was misplaced by the Office.

In view of the above, the petition is granted.

The \$130.00 petition fee submitted on June 4, 2002 will be refunded by treasury check.

This application will be returned to OIPE for further processing with a filing date of November 9, 2001, using the copy of Figures 7 - 10 as described in the specification, supplied on June 4, 2002.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Petitions Attorney Edward Tannouse at (703) 306-9200.



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